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University plans live 'modified' graduation

The University of the Incarnate Word's spring graduates will experience what officials are calling 'modified, in-person commencement ceremonies' May 7-8 at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium vs. virtual rites. Commencement last spring and fall were conducted virtually

to ensure health and safety in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Baccalaureate ceremonies will remain online at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 6, with links later to be released by University Mission and Ministry. In a March 19 e-mail, the university announced - 'with much excitement'

- the final graduation plan to allow in-person commencement at 7 p.m. Friday, May 7, for the Health Profession Programs; 9 a.m. Saturday, May 8, for the first-ever School of Osteopathic Medicine ceremony; noon Saturday, May 8, for the Dreeben School of Education, School of Professional

Studies and Rosenberg School of Optometry; and 3 p.m. Saturday, May 8, for the College of Humanities, Arts & Social Sciences, H-E-B School of Business and Administration, Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing & Health Professions, School of Mathematics, Jump 'University plans' page 2

UIW puts COVID-19 vaccines in arms

The University of the Incarnate Word used its newest acquisition - Founders Hall - to launch its own battle against COVID-19 by injecting at least 1,200 members of the community with vaccines. UIW secured a limited number of COVID-19 vaccines for students, faculty, staff and administrators who fell within the 1A and 1B categories established by the Centers for Disease Control and Texas Department of State Health. Phase 1A is for front-line healthcare workers and residents at long-term care facilities. Phase 1B is for people 65-plus or 16-plus with a health condition that increases the risk of severe COVID-19 illness. Those receiving the first injections

March 1-2 and the second dose March 22-23 included employees, members of their families, and students. Volunteers who helped also were vaccinated. On each day, there was a line out the door of people waiting to get the vaccine. Inside, there were five stations that people had to go through to get their vaccine. The last station allowed the vaccinated to wait to ensure allergic reactions didn't occur. The majority of volunteers were students helping at each station. They were also able to get community service hours for their time. Dr. Tony Dasher, an assistant professor at John and Rita Feik School of Pharmacy, administered a vaccine



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Dr. Tony Dasher, right, administers a first dose of the Pfizer vaccine to Belinda Guajardo, a grad student, in UIW's Founders Hall.

to 35-year-old Belinda Guajardo, a UIW alum from San Antonio enrolled in a master's degree program in education. She said she got the vaccine to protect others, including

her 85-year-old grandmother and an aunt who just beat Stage 4 cancer. 'If I get the shot and the virus, then hopefully, my symptoms

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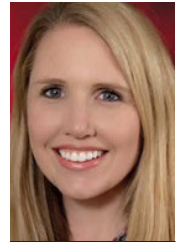
Medical team: Positivity rate remains low

By Victoria Velazquez LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The University of the Incarnate Word and its medical team have placed immense efforts into maintaining a low positivity rate on campuses for COVID-19. As of March 28, the Broadway campus had three active cases, 304 cumulative cases, and a .01 percent positivity rate, according to UIW's medical team. UIW has seen a steady decline of COVID-19 cases since January, Dr. Ronda Gottlieb, director

of clinical health, said. 'We attribute this success to the UIW commitment to shared responsibility,' Gottlieb said. 'UIW continues to follow the recommended guidelines from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and San Antonio Metropolitan Health District to wear face masks and maintain six feet of physical distancing from each other.' Pointing to the success of the COVID-19 vaccination clinics at Founders Hall, Gottlieb said, 'we would like to participate in another similar event and provide COVID-19

vaccines for our community. The COVID-19 vaccine is distributed by the state of Texas and the state decides which vaccine provider will receive the vaccine each week. We are very hopeful UIW will receive more vaccines in the near future.' Since the initial vaccine distributions, Gottlieb said there had not been reports of adverse reactions. In any case, the interprofessional team of physicians, nurses and pharmacists are equipped to handle any potential responses at the vaccine site. However, she did note the most common side



Dr. Ronda Gottlieb

effects from the COVID-19 vaccine are a sore arm at the injection site. 'Other side effects are fatigue,

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University plans cont.

Science and Engineering, and School of Media and Design.

Graduates will be seated socially distanced on the football field, the university wrote. Photographers have been engaged to snap each graduate crossing

the stage during the anticipated, 90-minute commencements.

Due to space limitations for social distancing, tickets to the undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. ceremonies will be "strictly limited" to two for graduates' guests, but each

ceremony will be livestreamed. The link will be sent closer to graduation. All in-person participants must wear masks and observe social distancing.

In case of inclement weather, information will be sent to graduates as soon as possible with details on the rain plan. A ticket link and further instructions regarding tickets for commencement will

be e-mailed in mid-April

"The modified ceremony will include many of the traditions you know and love from UIW," the university said in the e-mail. "Graduates, we know that the last year has been incredibly difficult and we are so proud of each of you for continuing to persevere. We can't wait to celebrate with you all."

COVID-19 vaccines cont.

would be mild, then that will help me with taking care of those around me," Guajardo said.

Walter Evans, a 19-year-old sophomore double majoring in business and history, also was in line.

"I was not forced to take the (shot), but I wanted to because I have really bad asthma," said Evans, who also plays on UIW's baseball team.

Sophomore nursing major Sophia Hall, 19, of San Antonio, said she got her shot because she is in nursing

and wants to follow the science.

"The new single shot is going to be stronger just because it is a single dose," said Hall, referring to Johnson & Johnson's vaccine vs. the two-shot Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

"I recommended the two-dose shots to my grandparents because you never know how people react to each dose," Hall said. "The severity of the single shot can have more side effects than those of the two-shot dose."

Medical team cont.

low-grade fever, body aches, and chills. Most of the side effects resolve within 24-36 hours. If you have any severe allergies, it is important to review the ingredients in the vaccine you are receiving. Your medical provider can help you determine if it is safe for you to receive a vaccine.

"While the three COVID-19 vaccines with EUA (Emergency Use Authorization) approval in the United States offer us hope for the future, it's

very important that we continue to be vigilant and wear face masks and socially distance from one another. The South African and Brazilian COVID-19 variants are still being studied and may have lower vaccine efficacy rates against the vaccine."

CARDINAL CORNER: America Sanchez

By **Connie Ogamien**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

America Sanchez, a sophomore from San Antonio double-majoring in art and English at the University of the Incarnate Word, shares some thoughts:

Why she chose UIW: "I decided to attend UIW to pursue my degree because I wanted to stay close to home and wanted that faith-based foundation that a school could provide, since my Catholic faith is very important to me."

Why she chose her majors: "Pursuing a major in art was easy



This is artwork done by UIW sophomore America Sanchez.

to choose because I always had a passion for creating things and being creative with it. Three years ago, I had an amazing art teacher in high school who inspired and helped me

gain the courage to continue with my passion for art. With loving to create things, I decided to double-major in English because I want to develop my skills as a writer so I can continue to make poems, write children's books one day, and ultimately have those skills in a future career."

Her best advice: "Pursue what you love rather than pursue a job just for money. Although being financially stable is great, if you do what you love, it will never feel like you are working a day in your life."



America Sanchez

Virtual Career Expo set for students

University of the Incarnate Word students may register for a nationwide virtual career expo taking place April 14-15 sponsored by Hispanic-serving institutions such as UIW. UIW has partnered with 13 other

HSIs - those serving at least 51 percent Hispanic student populations - to host this Career Collaborative Summit, which is open to students and alumni via Zoom and Handshake platforms. UIW students should register

through Handshake, said Jessica Wilson, director of UIW's Office of Career Services.

Participants may attend professional development workshops 3-6 p.m. CST April 14 and the expo

noon-6 p.m. CST April 15.

"The purpose of this event is to provide a virtual platform for employers and students to interact through a day of professional development followed by a Career Expo," Wilson said.

Starlight Series spotlights Women's History Month

By **Gabrielle Yanez**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The Office of Campus Engagement played "Ocean's 8" for its Starlight Movie Series highlighting Women's History Month in March.

The event began at 7 before the sun

went down. Students were asked to check in with an updated Cardinal Daily Health Check before choosing a spot on the back soccer field according to social-distancing guidelines.

Students were seated at tables in front of the field and treated with free

food from the Hijo-e-Su taco truck. Staffers came by to each table to take orders and returned with food.

The movie began at 8. Students were seated on the field with blankets and lawn chairs brought from home. If a student forgot to bring

a blanket, Campus Engagement provided free-throw blankets.

For more information on future Starlight Movie screenings, follow Campus Engagement on Instagram @ uiwcampusengagement or visit the UIW Engage app in Cardinal Apps.



Solar House survives winter storm

By Justin Kraiza
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

While February's winter storm caused millions of Texans' homes to go dark, the Solar House on the University of the Incarnate Word's main campus remained online.

Adequate preparation and maintenance were instrumental in preserving the functionality of the house, UIW Operations Manager Daniel Potter said, pointing out that "weatherizing" the house weeks prior to the storm was a priority.

The lack of weatherization across the state's energy grid was blamed for the Lone Star State's winter woes.

Potter had to wait until his own electricity and water was restored at his Helotes home and for roads to thaw before he could return to campus to check on the Solar House.

Recognizing that plumbing runs beneath the Solar House, Potter and his team took precautions before the storm by cutting and draining the water pipes underneath the house -- to prevent frozen pipes.

Warming up the interior space served to improve the Solar House's insulation before the winter week. In



UIW Operations Manager Daniel Potter looks after the Solar House which is on the Main Campus near the Convocation Center.

the event of electricity loss, he said the Solar House would retain heat and protect the inside systems from harsh weather conditions outside.

The design of the butterfly roof guaranteed the improbability of damage or unsustainability.

"We waterproofed it with a commercial membrane that's designed to go on flat roofs called TPO," Potter said. "We put that on the valley where the two rooflines connect. Any water that got underneath the metal panels would still be contained within that membrane."

Also intact were the structural insulated panels located on the house's floor, walls and roof. The panels are

incredibly strong and capable of withstanding winds up to 125 miles an hour. It functions as a "fully contained thermal envelope" by retaining heat already generated in the interior before potential power loss, Potter said.

The Solar House's retractable door, which allows for increased space and ventilation, was also unblemished by the storm. The door opens, closes, locks and shows no sign of damage, he said.

A serious Solar House concern is the fresh air system responsible for exchanging indoor air for fresh air. The presence of fresh air during the winter storm was absent -- only freezing temperatures. Another house feature is a device that sets a framework for

relative humidity -- eliminating indoor air exchanging with outdoor air of extremely high or low temperatures.

"It's a safety mechanism," Potter said. "When we have snow or rain, it will not allow the system to pull in air at those times because it will pull in too much moisture."

The Solar House's structural integrity is a testament to the low maintenance and highly durable materials of the building. Potter credited the metal roof, corrugated metal on the perimeter, and the metal decks, for surviving the storm unscathed.

The majority of homes use a concrete foundation -- not the Solar House.

An added benefit of the solar structure is that it's built on a Helical Pier foundation that effectively combats heavy snowfall. The foundation not only supports the weight of the building but also prevents upheaval. When the ground freezes, it leads to movement and shifting of the soil. The Helical Pier system allows for plates to anchor the soil, ending any soil movement.

"I think we fared very well based on the techniques and systems we used for the house," Potter said.

UIW-JCPenney partnership offers deep discount

By Maria Castillo
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

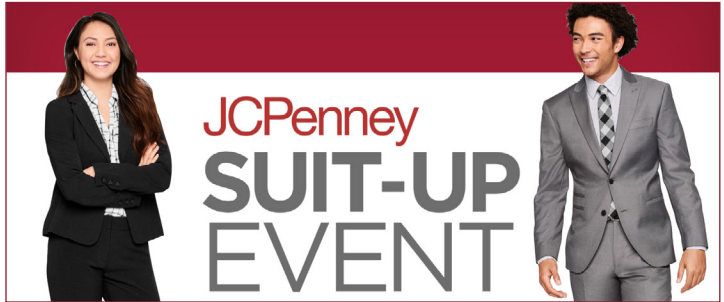
University of the Incarnate Word students, alumni, faculty and staff had the opportunity to participate March 5-7 in JCPenney's Suit-up online event, which allowed sizable discounts on professional attire.

Suits, dresses, purses and laptop bags were the major items UIW community members bought during the event which took place last fall as well as this spring.

This partnership between UIW and JCPenney started in 2018, said Jessica Wilson, director of the Office of Career Services.

"In 2018 when I started this position, I had always heard there are these opportunities to connect with our retail stores and see about partnering on specific discounts," Wilson said. "So, I reached out to JCPenney in 2018 and wanted to get more information on it and see how we could create an event around it. 2019 is when we went full force into the event process."

While the special event provides up to 60 percent off selected items, Wilson said the primary benefit of this event as allowing students in



particular to dress for success.

"This is all part of that career-readiness piece to help students with their professional attire -- that's how this originated," Wilson said. "JCPenney is a wonderful partner of ours. They've been so supportive of our students and their growth and their well-being. The overall purpose is to help students understand their value and be able to go out to a job interview or a career fair and feel confident because they're wearing professional attire, and it looks good on them."

Before the pandemic, the event

took place at JCPenney's store inside North Star Mall, 7400 San Pedro Ave.

Wilson said the previous in-person turnout as "an excellent time to connect with our students, staff, and faculty."

This partnership remains despite the retail giant's May 15, 2020, announcement that the company has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The fact JCPenney locations are closing around the country is a concern, Wilson said.

"As of right now, the North Star Mall location, which is where we hold our event, (is) not closing," she

said. "They are going strong. We even have already started planning our event for the next semester. We will be doing a face-to-face and online format, and that plan is to be between September and October."

But if you missed the March 5-7 event, the store has extended the time for the discount, Wilson said. "If you missed one opportunity, you still have an opportunity to do it again," she said. "In fact, we released an e-mail as well as on social media, that they've extended the discount until May 2, 2021."



Student almost wins 'Badlands' race

By **Abigail Velez**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Used to sprinting and jumping when he ran undergraduate track-and-field at the University of the Incarnate Word, Collin Sepulveda had to endure long-distance training for a desert race in February.

"I was running about 30 miles a week," Sepulveda, a 24-year-old grad student, said as preparation for the route he ran Feb. 27 through Seminole Canyon State Park in Comstock, Texas, the second-largest desert in North America.

Sepulveda almost won the 50K portion of the race, placing second — just seconds behind the winner in "The Border to Badlands Ultra" sponsored by the Del Rio Convention and Visitors Bureau. The bureau billed the event, which included 5K, 10K, half marathon, 50K and 50-mile categories, as "more than just a race. This is an experience.

Come take in the prehistoric area dating back some 10,000 years in a sprawling desert, with majestic canyons."

The route through the Chihuahuan Desert — once inhabited by indigenous peoples — oversees Seminole Canyon which then links with the Rio Grande. Runners would view cave art off in the distance as they made their way through a loop course over technical single-track trail and backcountry jeep roads. The course is ranked at a 3 out of 10 in difficulty level.

After completing the 50K in 4 hours and 31 minutes, Sepulveda said his immediate reaction was this: "I'll never do that again."

But once recovered from his physical and mental fatigue, he was singing a different tune.

"I'll definitely be doing that again — but I really want to win."

Sepulveda, who is seeking a master's in healthcare administration, credited his track career for helping

him prepare for this ordeal. Before coming to UIW, he was "Athlete of the Year" in track his senior year at Sandra Day O'Connor High School in Helotes before coming to UIW. The Badlands race preparation "was a lot less weights than usual," he said.

He's always considered himself a healthy eater but his motivation came internally, he said.

"My motivation was proving to myself that it is possible to push your body to different limits."

Sepulveda said he felt extremely accomplished for pushing his physical boundaries in such a challenging way and hopes he inspired others by accomplishing this endeavor.

"I am proud of myself and I hope I inspired others to know that if you put your mind to it and set a goal for yourself, you can accomplish your dreams."



Collin Sepulveda

UIW Writers Society seeks members

By **Julia Weaver**
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

Maria Castillo loves writing so much she's decided to start a club for like-minded students at the University of the Incarnate Word to come together, share their work, and practice this art.

The goal, Castillo said, "is to create a safe space for other writers," whether they are poets, screenplay writers, songwriters, fiction writers, or any other kind of writer. The whole point is to be all-inclusive and all-supporting, she stressed.

"I've thought about being part of a group like this since I started college,"



Maria Castillo

said Castillo, a junior communication arts major concentrating in

journalism and minoring in English. Not finding a writing group at any schools she's attended, Castillo took matters into her own hands.

That's when she thought, "Why not just start this group at UIW, where it is filled with amazing people and staff," she said.

"I've thought about being part of a group like this since I started college," Maria reminisced. She has attended classes at several universities, and at each one, she noticed no such group. That's when she thought, "Why not just start this group at UIW, where it is filled with amazing people and staff."

For now, this fledgling group calling

itself the UIW Writer's Society, has met at least once via Zoom, and is ready to gather members. The group plans to meet biweekly, with each meeting having a theme to write about and a time to share work and give and receive feedback from fellow writers at UIW.

"The group will also do writing exercises and group practices to help everybody stretch their minds," Castillo said.

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For more information about the UIW Writers Society, e-mail Maria Castillo at mlcastil@student.uiwtx.edu.

Student translators help community resource

By **Victoria Velazquez**
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An official with the San Antonio Community Resource Directory shared via Zoom how University of the Incarnate Word provided a vital service helping the agency with its website.

In a virtual setting Feb. 26, Bill Neely, co-founder of the directory known as SACRD.org, stressed how important it was to get the help from UIW's Department of Modern Languages for the website's translation to a Spanish-based format.

SACRD.org came about, Neely said, because "the City of San Antonio faced a major issue in communication and networking among community-based groups."

More than 300,000 people benefit annually from using SACRD.org site each year, officials estimate.

Neely said he approached Dr. Gabriel Saxton-Ruiz, an associate professor of Spanish at UIW, for help — and the help UIW students gave became a service-learning opportunity that earned students up to five hours of community service hours toward

the 45 required for graduation.

"Mr. Neely sent us approximately 50 pages that his colleagues had started on using Google Translate, and two UIW classes split the work over a two-week period," Ruiz said. "I think this activity allowed students and faculty to make a real impact on the greater Bexar County community," Ruiz said. "According to the Census Bureau's 2016 American Community Survey, the average percentage of Bexar County's population that speaks a language other than English at home is 36.1 percent, and the

average percentage of Spanish-speaking households is 34 percent.

"We were able to help translate the most up-to-date community resource directory in San Antonio, a one-stop-shop for numerous important services including healthcare, education, food, housing, legal, and several other.

"I believe this experience was particularly rewarding for my students because it provided them an opportunity to apply their language skills in an authentic, real-world context, and at the same time, help people in the community."



Two share CCVI Spirit Award

Special to the Logos

The pandemic prevented the University of the Incarnate Word's public recognition of its 2020 CCVI Spirit Award winner.

But last year's and this year's recipients received the award Thursday, March 25, during the annual observance of Incarnate Word Day in a ceremony in the ballroom of the Student Engagement Center.

No more than 50 people could attend - wearing masks - to hear Dr. Kevin Vichales, associate provost for undergraduate and graduate education, announce the 2020 winner - Dr. Raúl Zendejas, director of First Year Engagement - and 2021 winner, Michelle Rodriguez, administrative assistant to Dr. Barbara Aranda-Naranjo, the university's provost and chief academic officer.

Nominations are received annually for the CCVI Spirit Award. A committee of past recipients makes the selection of a member of the UIW community who has likewise heard the call to serve as the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word - founders of the university.

Vichales said both recipients were being recognized for their "character, manner of work, selfless acts on behalf of others, promotion of human dignity, and embodiment of the Spirit of the Incarnate Word."

Zendejas was nominated for the award by faculty and staff who noted his heart is "dedicated to the well-being and success of UIW's student body," Vichales said.

"They noted that in everything he does, he aligns his work and life with our core values of education, faith, service and innovation," Vichales said. "Raúl lives the Mission through his service to others, always answering 'yes' when called upon. He is a stalwart facilitator for 'Meet the Mission,' an invaluable member of the Learning Community Advisory Council and active proponent of their activities including their annual showcase. In addition, he is often found on the basketball court at the noon hour playing basketball with students during his lunch break or after hours, providing students yet another point of contact to listen and hear their needs."

Vichales said Zendejas' doctoral dissertation focusing on the education challenges of Hispanic men seeking advanced degrees helped the recipient "understand the many challenges students faced, help them

through sharing his own experience, and serving as a living example of success. He also encourages students to see themselves as future leaders in their respective professions.

"He is in constant communication with students, parents, faculty and administrative offices to understand the obstacles students face and works to devise solutions. In mentoring first-year students, Raúl encourages resilience and helps students understand that education is an active learning process, one in which they have responsibilities for their own education and success.

"His faith is evident in his love for the UIW community and his gentle and friendly demeanor make him approachable, providing the opportunity to pass on insights and instill others with his infectious enthusiasm."

Before coming to UIW, Zendejas worked five years - 1993-98 - as a federal government employee in San Antonio for the budget office of the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research. He later worked - 1998-2001 - for the Defense Finance & Accounting Service. He entered higher education administration in 2002 at Northwest Vista Community College as a student success adviser and first-year seminar instructor. His career at UIW began in 2003, first in the Instructional Technology Department. He's been part of the First Year Engagement office since 2005, including a stint as instructor of the fall-only Emerging Leaders Class from 2011 to 2019.

When Zendejas learned he was named a CCVI Spirit Award winner, this is what he shared with the Logos: "I think there are so many other people who deserve it more than I do. I am very humbled that I was even nominated, and very grateful. I think I have one of the best jobs at Incarnate Word because I see students come in, unsure of what they want to do. Then I see them get ready to graduate. They are mature and have grown. It is so, so nice to see."

Rodriguez was nominated for the award, Vichales said, "by the academic deans and other staff members who noted that she exhibits the core values of the University and is particularly exemplary in the areas of Truth, Service and Innovation."

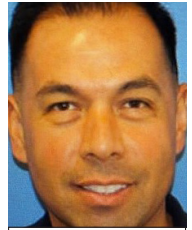
Rodriguez has worked 13 years at UIW but only a few months in the provost's office. She previously served several years as administrative assistant to the vice president for finance, who also is the chief financial officer. She



Michelle Rodriguez and Dr. Raul Zendejas, wearing masks, will share the CCVI Spirit Award they hold in their offices for a year.



Michelle Rodriguez



Dr. Raul Zendejas

started as a secretary to the comptroller.

"Michelle has worked tirelessly to support the deans," said Vichales, who also serves as dean of the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences. "(She helped deans) gain a better understanding of the intricacies of university academic budget processes and operations, which has been invaluable to their work in leading their college or schools. They praised her patience with explaining the nuances of internal processes, all the while treating everyone with respect.

"In a position where she often had to deliver a 'no' more often than 'yes,' such personal characteristics are exemplary. The deans all noted that she was innovative in seeking solutions, considerate and transparent, inspiring confidence and supporting informed decision making.

Other nominations noted that Michelle proactively helps all that need assistance, and treats everyone with the same abundant cheerfulness,

and willingness to help. Michelle embodies excellence in service and an example to others in the community."

Rodriguez, who was born and raised in Elmhurst and currently lives in Floresville, also serves on the booster club at Incarnate Word High School, works with "Meet the Mission," and volunteers with youth soccer, the annual Rock n Roll Marathon and United Way's Days of Caring, among other activities.

Rodriguez said she was shocked to learn she was getting the 2021 award.

"To be nominated for this award is such an honor and to know that the UIW community thought of me is just surreal," she said. "I have had great mentors and have enjoyed learning the responsibilities that accompany the different areas within the university. I enjoy my UIW Family and try to be as helpful as possible as I feel we are all in this together. The teamwork within the community can really shine when we put our best foot forward."



How long do COVID vaccines last?

By **Ruby Filoteo**
LOGOS EDITOR

Currently, there are three vaccines authorized and recommended to prevent COVID-19: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson/Janssen.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC) has provided information on who is and is not recommended to receive each vaccine and what to expect after vaccination.

The CDC says the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines both require about two weeks to become successful after the second dose. You're only slightly safe after the first shot.

According to the latest data in *Our World in Data*, in the United States, 154 million doses have been given, and 56.1 million fully vaccinated.



Image source: Getty Images.

With all adults in the United States soon eligible for vaccination, the path out of the pandemic is clear. However, how long do COVID vaccines protect you?

This issue has been left unanswered by federal health officials. Experts do know, however, that vaccine-induced protection can last at least three months, based on clinical trials.

According to the ongoing Phase 3 clinical trial of the mRNA vaccine,

Pfizer and BioNTech announced Thursday, April 1, their vaccine has an efficacy rate of 91.3 percent effective of protection up to 6 months after the second dose, with no safety concerns, according to updated clinical trials results. The study, which involved 12,000 vaccinated people, found "no significant safety concerns" with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Additionally, the companies announced Wednesday, March 31, that a small study of 12- to 15-year-old volunteers demonstrated 100 percent effectiveness in that age group.

The vaccine is highly effective, particularly against COVID-19 hospitalization and death, according to real-world and trial data. The data also shows the vaccine protects its users from more infectious strands, such as

the B1351 strain from South Africa.

Details: The trial's 46,307 participants were found to have 927 symptomatic COVID-19 cases, with 850 from the placebo community and 77 from the vaccine group.

It's the first-time researchers have looked at how long a coronavirus vaccine's protection lasts, and while six months is a modest goal, it's a lot better than the best estimate so far of 90 days of protection.



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Everyone should 'means test' their self-hood

By **Justin Kraiza**
LOGOS ASSISTANT EDITOR

In August 2020, I had all the eagerness of someone willing to pursue journalism. But, how could I verify this claim without a hint of uncertainty?

Well, I needed to take some advice from Bruce Bartlett's read, "The Truth Matters," and report with conciseness, accuracy and detail.

Leave no avenues unchecked, leave no doors unlocked, and leave no personal doubts. My feeling of genuine readiness to write needed to be challenged by the application. I needed to write, not just for myself but for others to see.

Following Associated Press style was the least of my concerns, as I also had to incorporate newsworthy values and follow the inverted pyramid style.

My hungry stomach was ready for a dinner plate full of indulge-worthy meals.

I accepted most, if not all opportunities, that crossed my radar. The first being an e-mail regarding federal work-study positions for the Logos.

I applied for the editor, assistant editor and associate editor titles

without hesitation. The payment was beneficial, but the experience was the real reward.

My experience as assistant editor has shattered my preconceived notions of what an assistant editor does.

It's less like hastily running around running small errands and more like sitting second-in-command of a commercial airliner, ready to assist the captain for takeoff. Let's hope we don't crash the Logos by preparing for a safe landing. We did. Every. Single. Time.

We were improving each land with comfort and timeliness. I'm glad my job isn't only to edit pages. It involves a force of responsibility, like designing and laying out pages, visual themes, aesthetics, writing stories, collaborating with the editor, and verifying that photos and stories are completed with punctuality.

Despite the editor, Ruby Filoteo, and I being the architects of the paper, collecting, and combining the pieces



Justin Kraiza

together to take form, we couldn't have done it without the cast of contributing writers and photographers. We needed them to succeed. That is the mark of a truly humbling experience.

On the off-hand that I'm not contributing to the Logos, I am producing a video series for DreamVoice -- a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating humanity through art, music, and San Antonio's cultures. My internship there began in July 2020, and I immediately spearheaded a video series titled "Take5 SA." Its purpose is to showcase people's thoughts, beliefs, and values within the San Antonio community. Participants from a small black businesswoman to a Muslim student taught me the importance of racial diversity and the diversity of thought.

My experiences, thus far, have culminated in working with Maestro Connect -- a non-profit magazine addressing small businesses and entrepreneurship in San Antonio. Editor Samantha Salazar extended a hand to UIW students interested in writing for the publication. I extended a hand back. Interviewing

small-business owners presented necessary challenges. They couldn't be ordinary questions since nobody wants to read an ordinary business story.

The questions must possess newsworthy values of human interest and proximity. How has COVID-19 affected your business model? Has it impacted your relationship with long-term customers? How have corporate clients reacted to your delay in delivery and curbside pickup practices? These questions grasp, claw, and tear at the heart of the story: the message -- the purpose of showcasing the pandemic's pernicious impact on small businesses.

I absolutely knew it's my purpose to be a reporter when Maestro Connect published its second issue. With trembling hands and an untempered heartbeat, I jumbled through my phone opening up the publication. I saw my byline on pages 4 and 6. My expression was usurped by genuine joy, excitement, and pride. It's a verification of self-hood -- a validation of self-discovery.

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Colleague reflects on Spana's legacy in nursing

By Dr. Michael D. Moon

When faculty are hired at a university, it does not take long for them to identify who is the most knowledgeable about institutional history, culture, policies, and traditions.

If you are lucky, that person will be willing to interact with you and share their knowledge, thereby facilitating your success in integrating into the institution.

It has been 19 years since I began working at the University of the Incarnate Word. I was an experienced educator and registered nurse, but I was new at working at a Catholic institution. Dr. Caroline Spana was that invaluable colleague who helped me learn what it meant to part of the UIW family.

Not only was she well-versed in the faculty shared governance process of UIW, but she also encouraged me to express my opinions in meetings and introduced me to other faculty and administrators from the other disciplines. She was an excellent educator who wanted faculty to support the students but also insisted on maintaining the standards for practice.



Dr. Michael D. Moon

She was tough but fair. As more new faculty came onboard to the Ila Faye Miller School of Nursing and Health Professions, we lovingly referred to Dr. Spana as the "Sheriff." She was the person who maintained peace in the community but was not afraid to stand up to perceived injustices or challenges.

During my early years at UIW, I had a lot of questions about the Catholic tradition since I did not grow up in the Catholic faith. I was like a toddler always asking, "Why?" Dr. Spana was my go-to person to answer those questions. She could answer those "why" questions both from a historical pre-Vatican II

perspective as well as from the current Catholic perspective. She would later share with me her amusement that several students had mistakenly assumed she had previously been a nun at the University before leaving the order to become a wife and mother.

Dr. Spana was opinionated and valued the importance of critical discourse in growing as a professional. It was important to make sure you knew your stuff if you were going to engage her in a lively discussion. Many of us as new faculty at UIW felt we had achieved a badge of honor when Dr. Spana acknowledged we had made a good point. You could not help but want to prove yourself to her. She really challenged all of us to be the best we could be. Yet, she also had a wicked sense of humor.

When Dr. Spana retired, she had been a UIW faculty member for 50 years. Her contributions to UIW and nursing are extensive. I am truly blessed to have called Dr. Spana my friend. Getting to know her, her husband and her children was a gift I will always cherish. I am grateful Dr. Spana considered me as one of the few nurses she trusted to consult when she had questions about

her health. Dr. Spana continued to be an active mentor to many of us even after her retirement. I always enjoyed our luncheons and visits at her home to engage in professional conversation.

At the end of one's life, we can only hope we have made a positive difference in this world. I can say without hesitation that Dr. Caroline Spana made a huge difference in this world and she will be greatly missed.

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Dr. Caroline Spana

Humans use brains more than they think

By Pilar Garcia Guzman
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

The brain has always been one of the essential organs in the human body, controlling our corporal functions and overall development.

However, despite its value, the brain's complexity continues to challenge scientists, for they struggle to understand how certain parts of it work. Consequently, for years the idea we only use 10 percent of our brains is believed by many, making it one of the most common misconceptions.

Although this myth's true origins remain unknown, some believe this assumption might've come from an experiment performed by Jean Pierre Flourens. After removing different parts of the brain of several species of animals, he determined no change in their behavior or capabilities.

There are cases of mentally ill patients who had their frontal lobes detached, but doctors still failed to notice any significant changes, reinforcing the belief the human brain probably worked similarly. Nonetheless, the most accepted theory states this myth emerged from the book, "The Energies of Men." The author, William James,



Pilar Garcia Guzman

affirmed we only use a small amount of our mental and physical capabilities.

In the Rhode Island Medical Journal, Joseph Friedman wrote, "we've learned from MRI that we do, in fact use all of our brain," and "although each bit of our brain 'does something,' there are, in fact, some redundancies built into [it]." This means that, like any other organ in our bodies, the brain has a built-in backup system, and if something goes wrong, it would be able to continue its job as effectively as possible.

Kendra Cherry, in the journal *Verywell Mind*, said, "If the 10 percent myth were true, people who suffer brain damage as the result of an accident

or stroke would probably not notice any real effect. In reality, there isn't a single area of the brain that can be damaged without resulting in some sort of consequence."

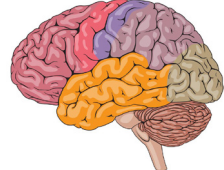
Today, many people still believe this myth to be true. Pop culture and media prevail as the main culprits. In movies such as "Lucy" and "Limitless," as well as TV shows such as "Heroes," we see humans with extraordinary abilities – all justified by claiming they have "unlocked" parts of the brain and use a more significant percentage of it. This type of misinformation has a broader reach than we realize. A survey presented by The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research determined approximately 65 percent of Americans believe this myth.

Even though trusting this misconception does not have any real consequences, it does give people an unrealistic notion of human potential. Those who participate in self-help and self-improvement organizations often utilize it to inspire their peers. They claim there is always room for improvement and maturity of the human mind, not only on a spiritual level but also on a

neurological one. Likewise, it makes people believe their shortcomings aren't their fault but caused by their inherent, minimal brain function.

Even if we don't know the origins of the 10 percent brain myth, it has impacted society. From movies and TV to psychology and well-being, people have used this to manipulate the general population into thinking humans can attain supernatural scenarios if one only figures out how to "unlock" that hidden part of our brains. Nonetheless, although many refuse to acknowledge it, human superiority and distinguishing achievements only depend on effort, perseverance and talent.

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The human brain

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Cardinals prepare to defend at home

The University of the Incarnate Word's football team has two home games left in a spring season that saw the Cardinals start off 3-0 before losing 75-45 to Nicholls State.

Looking to rebound from the March 27 loss to Nicholls State in Thibodaux, La., the Cardinals face Northwestern State at 7 p.m. April 10 and Sam Houston State at 11 a.m. April 17 at Gayle and Tom Benson Stadium. Both Southland Conference games will air on ESPN+.

In previous road trips this spring, the Cardinals rolled over McNeese State 48-20 on Feb. 27 in Lake Charles,

La., and 42-20 over Lamar University on March 6 in Beaumont, Texas.

The first home game, March 20, was a high-scoring affair that saw UIW whip Southeastern Louisiana 56-45. Freshman quarterback Cameron Ward tossed six touchdown passes in that game and repeated the feat against Nicholls State.

With two games left in the irregular spring season, Ward, a 6-3, 225-pounder from Columbia, Texas, is three touchdown passes shy of setting the single-season record for passing TDs.



Christina Emmett/LOGOS STAFF

Freshman quarterback Cameron Ward kept wide receivers such as Robert Ferrel, No. 12, and Jaelin Campbell, No. 15, busy catching touchdown passes, while linebacker Gerald Bowie III, No. 32, tries to keep Southeastern University from scoring.

Volleyball gets bad, good news

The volleyball team, which was to compete for the first time ever in post-season, Southland Conference competition, had its game cancelled due to UIW's COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

The Cardinals, who were eighth-seeded, were scheduled March 31 to play the No. 5 seed, Houston Baptist, on opening night at Jack and Susie Dugan Wellness Center on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. But the team did not travel to the tournament site. A "no contest" was declared, leaving Houston Baptist to advance, conference officials announced.

The team finishes the season 6-8, 5-6 overall.

Just one day earlier, March 30, the conference had announced that two UIW volleyball players had received conference honors. Chase Jackson was named Newcomer of the Year and Bethany Clapp was selected to First Team All-Conference, her second time since she was a member of the



Chase Jackson

2018 team. She also was named Freshman of the Year in 2018.

Jackson, a business administration major from Denver, joined the Cardinals in 2019 after transferring from Wichita State. However, she did not make her debut until this



Bethany Clapp

spring due to transfer restrictions and last fall's cancelled season due to COVID-19. The redshirt senior played in 44 sets this season, with an attack percentage of .174, notching 101 kills, two service aces and 20 digs.

Clapp, a rehabilitation sciences major

from Corpus Christi, has recorded 793 career kills through three seasons. She has led the team every game this season, averaging 4.02 kills per set, ranking third in the league. Her 29 kills in the match against Abilene Christian were a single-game league best.

Head Coach Samantha Dabbs Thomas had good things to say about her star players.

"I am extremely proud of the hard work both Chase and Bethany have put into this program," Thomas said. "From the moment Chase transferred to us from Wichita State, I knew she was going to become an impact player. It has been so fun to watch her grow and become a big-time player."

"Bethany is the total package. This kid does it all on the court and carries a heavy load for this team. She leads by example and makes big-time plays for us when we need it."

"I am very proud of this team after having such a rollercoaster of a year to come this far and work our way back into the mix as the eighth seed."



Guard nets court, classroom honors

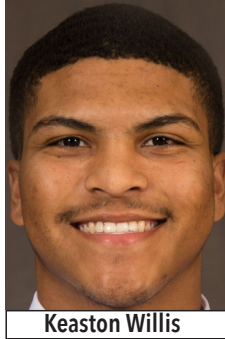
A University of the Incarnate Word basketball guard is continuing to add accolades on a basketball court and in the classroom for his shooting and grade point averages.

Keaston Willis, a communication arts major from Sulphur Springs, has been named to the All-District 22 first team by the National Association of Basketball Coaches; second team of the Southland All-Conference; and second team All-Academic selection for the Southland Conference. His GPA is 3.46.

Willis was named Southland Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Feb. 6. He was just the second UIW student-athlete to win men's basketball player of the week over the last five seasons.

Willis, who was last year's Freshman of the Year in the conference, averaged 19 points a game his sophomore year, which also saw him netting 2.1 three-pointers a game. In 19 games started this season, he was among the top 50 scorers in the nation. At season's end, he had scored 360 points and reached double-digits scoring in 18 games, including a career-high 34-point performance against McMurry.

Willis posted new career-highs in three-point field goals (7-for-10), free throws (12-for-12) and rebounds (nine) this season. He holds a 43 percent shooting percentage, 38 percent from three-point range and 77 percent from the free-throw line.



Keaston Willis

In just two seasons, Willis has cemented himself in the UIW record books with seven top-10 marks in both career and single-season categories. His 15.5 points per game, 32 minutes per game and 122, three-point field goals made are all the eighth-best marks in a career. Willis' 19 points per game this season are the sixth-best mark in a single-season. Willis is also sixth in career three-pointers attempted (344) and holds a single-season record with 232 three-point attempts in 2019-20.

Asked his reaction to the recent awards, Willis told the Logos: "It means a lot to be in the position to receive the award(s). It goes to show that hard work does pay off and that's all I've done."



Willis, a sophomore guard at UIW, maintains a good scoring average on the court as well as good grades in the classroom.



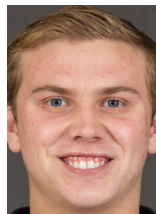
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Thomas Petroszewicz



Jake Thayer



Blake Ruffner



Juliana Peceli

Fencing finishes higher at nationals

The University of the Incarnate Word's fencing team made its best impression ever March 25-28 at the 2021 NCAA Fencing Championships at Penn State University.

The six members of the team -- the most representing UIW at this level -- had its best finish in program history -- scoring 41 points.

Brandon Benavides, a junior from San Antonio, led the men

with a record of 11 wins and 12 losses, finishing in 11th place and earning honorable mention on the All-American Epee Team. Junior Oleksandra "Sasha" Rebchunovska, a junior from Kiev, Ukraine, led the women with an 18th-place finish, but she had to withdraw after fencing only nine bouts due to an injury.

In individual performances, here's how the other Cardinals came out:

Thomas Petroszewicz, a graduate student from Richmond, Texas, placed 16th in Epee; Jake Thayer, a junior from Port Charlotte, Fla., placed 16th in Foil; Blake Ruffner, a junior from Flower Mound, Texas, placed 23rd in Foil; and Juliana Peceli, a graduate student from Sacramento, Calif., placed 21st in Epee.

Head Coach John Moreau said he was pleased with the team's performance.

"This was, as everyone knows, an

extremely difficult season due to the pandemic," Moreau said. "We were very thankful to have the chance to qualify for, and compete in this elite competition. The COVID testing and protocols were very effective in ensuring the health and safety of all concerned. I am very proud of the effort the team made and look forward to the prospect of an even better season next year."



Participants in 'Preview Day' an in-person, admissions event on Saturday, March 20, in the SEC Ballroom, had to wear masks and sit in designated areas for social distancing. It was the first event in more than a year the admissions office was able to meet people.

Pandemic pushes changes in recruitment

By Raul Plata
LOGOS STAFF WRITER

When COVID-19 forced normally in-person recruitment online, the director of admissions at the University of the Incarnate Word said she initially did not realize how much impact the pandemic would have.

But like other universities and colleges alike, UIW's Jessica De La Rosa said the admissions staff has had to adjust to an ever-changing landscape continuously regarding student recruitment.

"Hearing about all the changes slowly creeping their way through the country was concerning, and then seeing UIW implement (its) own changes, I literally had less than a week to figure out how to transition all of my team from in-office work to working from home," De La Rosa said.

De La Rosa said she also thought

of all the prospective students who would have their college search process changed instantly.

"I really empathized with the seniors, given that this is how their last few months of high school would be spent," De La Rosa said. "This was certainly not what anyone thought this time would be like."

Despite the circumstances, De La Rosa said she vowed to keep the admissions process as swift and efficient as possible to provide prospective students a bit of normalcy in the tough times ahead.

Before March 2020, UIW Admissions hosted in-person events that brought hundreds of prospective students to campus each month. When the pandemic began, events had to be changed, postponed or cancelled. Changes to programming and services were quickly communicated through social media. Within a matter of days, most services and events were able to continue virtually.

"Last spring (2020) was a bit of a setback," De La Rosa said. "But I am so proud of our team and how dedicated they were to make sure we stayed operational. Their innovative ideas have kept us going."

Since last summer, the Office of Admissions has been run as an "open" office, meaning no families or groups were allowed, but individuals observing

protocols requiring masks and social distancing were more than welcome to walk in for help. The admissions team currently works on a rotating schedule with two to four team members in the office and others working remotely.

"In this line of work, there is not an opportunity to say no," De La Rosa said. "We pride ourselves on being there for students and helping them achieve that goal of becoming a UIW student."

Since December 2019, even before the pandemic, her office had implemented a hybrid system for some of its events, such as high school presentations that people could attend in-person and virtually. De La Rosa said.

"It's important to meet students where they are, and to do that, we have to be transparent on how we are available to them," she said.

The inspiration behind most of the changes came from various webinars and roundtable discussions De La Rosa has had over the past year with recruitment leaders and admissions officials from other institutions across the state and country.

"It's helpful and comforting to know that we were not alone in this situation, and having this collaborative environment to discuss what is working and what is not makes things easier to navigate."

No official numbers have been

released yet on the impact virtual recruitment has had on enrollment at UIW. Still, De La Rosa said early reports show positive signs in confirmations of attendance among accepted students.

"UIW is performing incredibly well," she said. "Our confirmation numbers are up compared to this time last year and even Spring 2019. It really affirms that our connections with high school counselors and administrators are strong."

As for the future of virtual recruitment, she said she is confident some of the changes will remain part of the new normal for colleges such as the first major event in more than a year that took place Saturday, March 20, where a large group was on campus and others were online.

"Virtual recruitment is here to stay," she said. "We will continue to develop our hybrid program to meet the needs of students that need help with the admissions process."

De La Rosa said she also is grateful to the university community of faculty, deans, and department heads who have been very responsive to admissions counselors and staff members' requests for help with various projects.

"It's truly a blessing to be a part of the UIW community," she said. "We were strong before the pandemic. This just made us even stronger."



Jessica De La Rosa



Author: English class inspired book

Joe Aguilar always planned to write a book based on his early college experiences that included pledging a fraternity and finding romance.

But life had other plans for the now-60-year-old, San Antonio native who began taking college classes at San Antonio College before transferring to North Texas State University - now the University of North Texas-Denton.

"I left (school) in 1987 to help (my) parents back in San Antonio with the intent to go back to finish but never did," said Aguilar. "(I) started working in the advertising industry in 1989 and never looked back. I worked in the radio, television, tourist magazine and newspaper industries in advertising sales for over 30 years."

Despite the delay, Aguilar is completing his college degree in May - a communication arts degree with a concentration in media studies -- at the University of the Incarnate Word. The book he was planning to write is already out, available for sale in paperback and e-book form on Amazon and in print at The Twig, a local bookstore where he'll be holding a book-signing party May 23.

Although Aguilar had been hoping to write the book for years, he credits an English class he took in the fall of 2018 with Dr. Luella D'Amico, an associate professor, with spurring him to finish his novel, "For You, For Me, For Us."

"The sentimentalism class I took with Dr. D'Amico was the catalyst for finishing this novel. I had this book in mind years before but while taking this class, I was inspired to go back and finish what I always wanted to write.

"Many of the books (we) read (in that class) included a lot of emotions ranging from love to tears to mysteries. These books had all the elements of my story. I made a New Year's Eve resolution to start and finish the novel. In September of 2019 in the SEC building at UIW, I put the last period of the last sentence of the last paragraph of my novel."

Then Aguilar spent nearly a year working on getting the book published.

"I hired two editors and a designer to review and design the cover. After a million revisions, I launched my novel on Dec. 23, 2020, on Amazon. Creating this novel has been a passion of love.

(It) will take you on a roller-coaster ride of love, heartache and tragedy between two young lovers on a college campus." A graduate of Sidney Lanier High School on the west side, Aguilar began work on a degree in radio, television and film at SAC. His transfer to North Texas State triggered a new set of adventures.

"I was always intrigued by the Greek System. In 1983, I pledged a fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi. At the same time, I started dating a young lady who is the character of this book. As a pledge, I wrote a journal about my 11-week experience as a pledge to this fraternity. Hazing was very common and I had some incidents that I had never witnessed before. As a young man from the west side of San Antonio, I had never experienced or had been treated like this before. Many of the incidents in this book are real. The girl with the pretty eyes, Abby, is real but the entirety of this novel is fiction. I took notes with the intention of one day writing a story."

Getting the book done also had to find a place on his schedule alongside his full-time business, family and part-time student role.

Aguilar is the chief executive officer and publisher of Westside Sol, a weekly bilingual newspaper he started in 2002. It was a bartering deal he struck with UIW that inspired him to trade some revenue for tuition and finish his degree. He also is the owner and host of "Overtime Sports," a weekly sports show that airs 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays on KTRM (La Nuestra 1130 AM) - normally a Spanish radio station playing featuring Christian music and talk programs. He's "Uncle Joe" on that show and his crew includes two more communication arts majors - grad student Angelo Mitchell and senior Christian Vargas. And this spring, Aguilar's been heavily campaigning door-to-door in behalf of



Joe Aguilar, 60, will be signing copies of his first novel, 'For You, For Me, For Us,' noon-2 p.m. May 23 at The Twig bookstore.

City Council District 5 candidate Jason Mata. He's Mata's campaign chairman.

In the midst of this hectic schedule, Aguilar still had to juggle getting his class assignments done, timing his graduation within a week of his daughter's. The Saturday before he graduates, Aguilar and his wife of 22 years, Rose Aguilar, will be attending the graduation of their daughter, Miranda Rose Aguilar, a criminal justice major at the University of Alabama.

Both his wife and daughter, Aguilar said, have "been very supportive of my book and are both proud of my accomplishments of graduating and publishing my first novel."

He's hoping the book could find its way to film.

For Aguilar, going back to school with a younger generation took some adjusting.

"I was inspired by some and disappointed with others," he said. "Most took classes seriously while

others didn't care. The most important factor was technology. Getting used to the way of completing turning in assignments was a challenge. Overall, I was able to connect with the younger generation and understand their different points of view on many issues."

Aguilar would invite some of his classmates to join him on air or do internships with him.

One of them, Erika Stephenson, a communication arts major with a concentration in journalism also graduating this spring, did an internship with Aguilar last fall. She found out about his book.

"I got a sneak peak of the book back in October," Stephenson said. "I could see Joe was very passionate about this. Reading his book brought a smile to my face. If I were you, I would have a box of issues next to you about midway through the book. It gets to you when you don't expect it."

Quirk journal seeks submissions

The University of the Incarnate Word's national literary magazine, Quirk, is seeking submissions until April 15, planners announced.

Run by student editors at UIW, Quirk is a print and online journal showcasing the up-and-coming writers and artists from the UIW

community and other undergraduate institutions across the country.

"We accept submissions on any topic, and especially appreciate diverse perspectives, in fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, visual art, and -- for the first time this year -- sign language and video performance,"

according to a news release. "All accepted artists and writers are interviewed and work with our student editorial staff to ensure their distinct voices reach the widest audience."

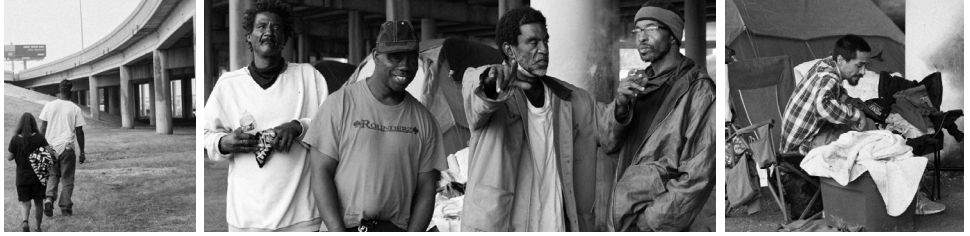
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or comments to the editorial staff at quirk@uiwtx.edu, or contact the faculty adviser, Dr. David Armstrong, an associate professor of English, at damstro@uiwtx.edu. For more about Quirk, see <https://my.uow.edu/quirk/index.html>.

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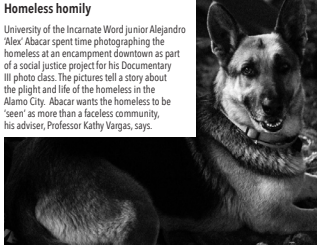


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Homeless homily

University of the Incarnate Word junior Alejandro 'Alex' Abacar spent time photographing the homeless at an encampment downtown as part of a social justice project for his Documentary III photo class. The pictures tell a story about the plight and life of the homeless in the Alamo City. Abacar wants the homeless to be "seen" as more than a faceless community, his adviser, Professor Kathy Vargas, says.



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